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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: DC/PPS/SEO

SUBJECT: Recent Press Allegations Regarding QRPLUMB

REF: OLL Memo, dated 29 January 1986

1. Recent press articles focussing on Mykola Lebed, the former head of QRPLUMB, have concentrated up to now on the Nazi war crime issue. While the articles have contained questioning about funding for QRPLUMB and the Agency's role in re-settling Lebed in the early post-war years, there is no indication as yet that the press coverage will attempt to reveal or play up an Agency role in QRPLUMB today.
2. When we first learned of the likelihood of a press article on Lebed, we checked with Cover Staff to confirm the viability of the devised facility used for funding QRPLUMB. The devised facility is considered viable and we see no reason at this time not to stick by the established cover story for QRPLUMB.
3. We have learned that Lebed is considering speaking with journalists in order to present his side of the story concerning his role before and during World War II. This may include an interview with a New York Times correspondent. Another action contemplated is a request to the Rodino sub-committee for a hearing to clear his name. And in addition Lebed is exploring the possibility of pressing a libel suit against his detractors. We are told he feels quite strongly about what he terms to be the distortions and outright lies presented in recent press accounts. Since the thrust of the issue concerns Lebed's wartime activities, we do not see at this point any immediate threat to QRPLUMB's cover viability. We will be monitoring the situation closely and will advise should we sense any change.

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